COVID-19 Work Group - Community Update 6 - October 15, 2020

We are working diligently to keep our community safe and healthy

To date the Town of Cummington has had no new confirmed cases of Covid in nearly 5 months. We want to thank you and congratulate you all on your diligence in safe and healthy protocols and ask that you maintain this commitment heading into the colder months ahead.

On that note a reminder that now is the time to be winterizing your homes and making those appointments if needed for winter tires!

Halloween in Cummington 2020

Our traditional Rag Shag Parade and Trick or Treating have been reimagined for a safer holiday experience for everyone due to the pandemic.

The Cummington Recreation Committee invites the residents, businesses and Municipal entities of Main Street to decorate their homes and properties this year for Halloween! We are also asking the broader community to join in the fun and create Scarecrows and Jack 'o' lanterns to line the street. This is open for all to participate, so let's see your spooky side! Your creations can be dropped off at the Gazebo on Main St. on Friday October 30th any time before dark.

Folks are encouraged to decorate their cars as well as dressing in costume for a "Ragshag" car parade to drive slowly down Main Street for everyone to enjoy and see the decorated homes and yards! Children will receive a sizable goody bag at the end of the parade (families with children, please pull into the bus circle!) from the REC committee in lieu of trick or treating.

Families with the last name beginning with A-M will car parade starting at 6pm and families with the last name beginning with N-Z will car parade at 6:15. Please arrive at the West end of Main Street, traffic will be one way only during the parade.

We thank you for your support and hope you will join us in creating a fun alternative for our children in this unusual time.

The Parade will happen on Halloween, Saturday October 31st with a rain date Sunday November 1st.

The Cummington Recreation Committee

IMPORTANT DATES FROM THE TOWN CLERK REGARDING STATE ELECTION

All times are at 33 Main Street, at the Community House

October 17th	early voting in person 9-11 a.m.
October 18th	early voting in person 9-11 a.m.
October 22 nd	early voting in person 4-8 p.m.
October 24th	last day to register for State Election 2-4 p.m. 7-8 p.m.
October 24th	early voting in person 2-4 p.m. 7-8 p.m.
October 25th	early voting in person 9-11 a.m.
October 28th	last day to submit "vote by mail" application by 5 p.m.
October 29th	early voting in person 4-8 p.m.
November 3 rd	State Election 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

<u>Current Status of Town Services</u> - Pettingill Park Open with Social Distancing and Covid Protocols; Community House, Berkshire Trail and Safety Complex (Closed); Bryant Free Library – <u>Open for browsing Saturdays by appointment at 634-5400</u>; Transfer Station – Wed. 5:30-7:30; Sat. 7:00-11:00 The Construction and Metal dumpsters will be removed by the end of November for the Winter; Post Office- 9:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00; Sat. 9-12.

• Cummington Emergency Services (Police & Fire) stand equipped and ready to respond to emergency and non-emergency calls for service. During this time some protocols have changed, they will be donning personal protective equipment (PPE), limiting the amount of personal interaction, all with the focus on keeping responders and our community safe. If you have information about a case or possible case of COVID-19 please reach out to the Cummington Board of Health at (413) 634.0056 or via email: boh@cummington-ma.gov. They have the authority and means to follow any leads brought to their attention.

If at any time, you have questions or concerns, please reach out to the COVID-19 Workgroup through the Police Department Business Line at (413) 634-0056. To report emergencies, please DIAL 911. Residents who are not connected to the Town's Reverse 911 Call System or Robo Calls and wish to be added may send an email to: Selectboard@cummington-ma.gov or call 413.634.5354 with your complete Name, Address and Phone Number (Cell or Home).

Stay Safe, Make Healthy Choices and Please Connect with Family, Friends and Neighbors during this difficult and stressful time. We are all navigating this situation together.

The Cummington COVID-19 Workgroup

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